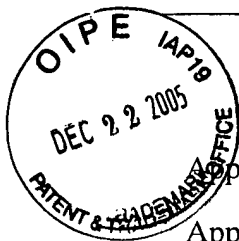


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Applicant : Yong Hua Zhu, et al.  
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

(X) Response to Office Action in 9 pages.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

The present application qualifies for Small Entity Status under 37 CFR 1.27.

FEE CALCULATION				
FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Excess Claims	28 - 33 = **	2202 (\$25)	0 x 25 =	\$0
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(X) An extension of time is hereby requested by payment of the appropriate fee indicated above.

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 20, 2005, please reconsider the above-captioned application in light of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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